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REMARKS

The Office Action of April 21, 2003 has been received and reviewed. This response is directed to that action. The Examiner rejected claims 4, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 12-20 are allowed.

Claim rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 4, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. These claims have been cancelled in this response, thus obviating the rejection.

Claim rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in view of the cited art. These claims have been cancelled in this response, thus obviating the rejection.

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The Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance.
If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is invited to contact the
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